

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

CACHING MECHANISM TO OPTIMIZE A BIDDING PROCESS USED TO

SELECT RESOURCES AND SERVICES

the specification of which:

X is attached hereto, or

— was filed on _____ as
Application Serial No. _____ and was
amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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